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TO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, AG

SUBJECT: EXIMBANK FINANCING FOR LNG VESSELS

1. EXIMBANK ON 5 JUNE ISSUED PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT (PC)  
NO. 78-0-4124 TO NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING AND DRYDOCK CO.  
TO BID FOR SALE OF FOUR LNG VESSELS TO CNAN AND OPERATION  
BY SONATRACH UNDER FREIGHT AGREEMENT WITH TENNECO UNDER  
TAPCO LNG CONTRACT.

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2. PATTERN IS AS FOLLOWS:

15 PERCENT CASH PAYMENT	DOLS. 110,250,000
65 PERCENT EXIM LOAN	DOLS. 477,750,000
20 PERCENT PRIVATE LOAN	
W/O EXIM GUAR.	DOLS. 147,000,000
TOTAL DIRECT U.S. COSTS	DOLS. 735,000,000

TOTAL CAPITALIZED COST OF FLEET AMOUNTS TO DOLS. 808 MILLION. EXIM LOAN AT RATE OF 8.75 PERCENT INTEREST. REPAYMENT IN 30 SEMIANNUALS BEGINNING 6 MONTHS AFTER START-UP OF COMMERCIAL OPERATION, BUT NOT LATER THAN 1 JULY 82 FOR FIRST VESSEL, AND AT SIX-MONTH INTERVALS THEREAFTER FOR EACH OF OTHER THREE. PRIVATE LOAN TO BE REPAID FIRST, EXIM LAST.

3. COPY OF PC WILL BE POUCHED. DO NOT REPEAT NOT DISCUSS WITH GOA, CNAN, OR SONATRACH PRIOR TO DISCLOSURE BY EXPORTER.

4. NEWPORT NEWS LIKELY TO VISIT ALGIERS SOON TO MEET WITH CNAN, SONATRACH, AND GOA. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO EXTEND ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO THEM OR OTHER ;.S. SHIPBUILDERS IN EFFORT TO SELL LNG VESSELS. VANCE

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